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WILLIAM C. MEREDITH, ESQ. . . }
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STATUTE AND BYE-LAW

Of the Corporation

OF

THE ADVOCATES' LIBRARY,

OF MONTREAL,

PASSED AT A GENERAL MEETING DULY CONVENED AND HELD
AT THE CITY OF MONTREAL, ON THE 2ND NOVEMBER, 1841.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED
and it is hereby ordained and enacted,
that the Rules and Regulations, for the go-
vernment of this Corporation, shall be, and
they are hereby declared to be, the following,
that is to say :

I.

NONE but the Chief Justice and the Justices
of the Court of King's or Queen's Bench,
Common Pleas and District Court of Mont-
real, in the District of Montreal, the Advo-
cates duly admitted to practise in this Province,

the Sheriffs and Prothonotaries of the Superior Court of this District, shall in future be admitted Members of this Corporation.

II.

No Advocate or other person shall become a Member of this Corporation, except by and with the votes and consent of a majority of the Members of the Corporation, present at the annual or other general meeting, convened according to the provisions of the Provincial Ordinance of Incorporation.

III.

Every person, who shall hereafter be admitted a Member of this Corporation, shall, forthwith, upon his election, contribute and pay towards the funds of the Corporation, the sum of £15, currency.

IV.

For the support of the Corporation, and to promote its objects, each Member shall, on the third Monday in October of each year, pay to the Treasurer of the Society, the sum of £2 10s. currency.

V.

The Officers of this Corporation shall be a President and Vice-President, a Managing Committee of three Members, of whom the Secretary shall be one, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Librarian, to be chosen and appointed as hereinafter provided.

VI.

The President, Vice-President, Managing Committee, and Secretary, shall be chosen, hereafter, by a majority of the number of Members of this Corporation, sufficient to constitute a General Meeting, at a Meeting to be convened on the third Monday in June in each year; and in case of death, removal from office or resignation of any of the said officers, the vacant place or places shall be filled by election, in pursuance of the provisions of the fourth section of the said Act of the said Provincial Ordinance.

VII.

The President, and in his absence the Vice-President shall preside at all General Meetings of the Corporation; it shall be his

duty to convene the Members thereof, through the Secretary, and he shall have the custody of the Corporation Seal.

VIII.

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all the proceedings of the Corporation, summon its Meetings under the direction of the President, and carry on such correspondence, by letters or otherwise, as may be required by the Committee of Management.

IX.

To the Committee of Management are entrusted the powers of purchasing books, furnishing and adapting the room for the reception of the same, of naming a Librarian, fixing his salary and ordering the payment thereof.

This Committee shall have the general superintendence and management of the interests and affairs of the Corporation.

X.

The Treasurer shall collect and receive the funds of the Corporation, as well entrance as annual subscriptions, fines, &c. and keep re-

gular accounts of his receipts and disbursements.

XI.

It shall be the duty of the Librarian to attend in the Library during the hours to be fixed by the Committee, to keep a catalogue of the books, under the superintendence of the Secretary, and a register of those withdrawn, according to the rules of the Corporation.

XII.

No monies shall be paid or disbursed by the Treasurer, except by the written order of the Committee of Management.

XIII.

The Committee of Management and the Treasurer shall report their proceedings to the Corporation twice in each year, on the third monday in the months of June and December, at General Meetings of the Corporation to be held on those days.

XIV.

Every Member of the Corporation shall, while the Library is open, have access to the

Library to use the books; and during the Terms of the Court of King's Bench, or of the other Courts of Judicature held in the Court-House in this City, every Member shall, while any of the said Courts is sitting, be at liberty to take any book or books into the rooms in which the said Courts are held, to be returned by him into the Library, on the same day; which privilege shall extend to taking of books into the Judges' Chambers for use there; and every Member who shall remove or withdraw any book out of the said Library, in vacation or in term time, except into the Court Rooms, during the Session of the Courts, or into the Judges' Chambers, for that day, shall forfeit and pay to the Treasurer, in aid of the funds, the penalty of £2 10s. currency.

XV.

If any Member, in contravention of the foregoing rule, shall withdraw any work or book, and the same, or a volume or volumes thereof, shall be lost, he shall, besides the said penalty of £2 10s., pay to the Corporation the cost price of the whole work, whether

it consist of one or more volumes, without receiving the remaining volumes of any such work, consisting of more than one volume.

XVI.

The Chief Justice and the Justices of the said Courts, who are or may become Members of this Corporation, shall enjoy the privilege of conveying into their chamber, in the said Court-House, such books as they may require, to be returned within the Library hours of the same day on which they may be withdrawn.

XVII.

None of the fines and penalties imposed by the foregoing Sections of this Statute or Bye-Law shall be held forfeited and payable until it shall be so resolved and adjudged, at a general meeting of the Corporation, due notice, of two days at least, having been previously given by the Secretary, to the delinquent Member, of the subject of accusation to be brought against him at such general meeting.

XVIII.

Every Member of the Corporation who

shall fail to attend any meeting of the Corporation duly convoked, shall, for every such non-attendance, forfeit the sum of 3s. 4d. currency, and pay the same to the Treasurer for the benefit of the Corporation, unless at the next general meeting of the Corporation, the party who shall so have failed to attend shall shew he had sufficient cause for absenting himself.

XIX.

Every Member of the Corporation who shall refuse to pay to the Treasurer, his admission fee, his annual fee or subscription, or any fine or penalty declared to be forfeited by him to the Corporation, shall be disfranchised, and be expelled from the Corporation, by the resolution and sentence of the Corporation, to be made at any general yearly or half-yearly meeting of the Corporation; Provided always that due notice to that effect shall be given to the delinquent Member, by the Committee of Management, fifteen days, at least, previous to such general meeting.

XX.

The President, and in his absence the Vice-

President of the Corporation, shall, at all times, at the request of any five Members of the Corporation, signified in writing, convene an extraordinary meeting of the Corporation.

XXI.

No person or persons other than the Members of the Corporation, and the Honorary Members thereof, shall have access to the Library of the Institution.

XXII.

This Corporation, besides gifts of money, will receive donations of books relating to jurisprudence, and all branches of literature, and of all works, tracts, and manuscripts concerning the laws and history of this Province, and will with gratitude record the names of the donors.

XXIII.

The Governor-in-Chief and the Lieutenant Governor of this Province, and the person administering the Government of this Province, and all the Members of Her Majesty's Provincial Court of Appeals, the Chief Jus-

tices of this Province, and the Judges of the Superior Courts of Judicature in the other Districts of this Province, shall be Honorary Members of this Corporation ; and also the Attorney-General, Solicitor-General, and Advocate-General, if not resident in the District of Montreal.

XXIV.

All votes of the Corporation shall be taken by ballot.

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